

Wayzata Parks and Trails Board Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2020, 6:00pm

Attendees: Merrily Borg Babcock, Jim McWethy, Sarah Randolph, Sarah Showalter and Tory Schalkle

Staff: Public Works Director Mike Kelly

Absent: Chair Dan Baasen, Ty Purdy, Mary Bader

Call to Order: Babcock called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Randolph moved to approve the agenda, seconded by McWethy. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Minutes: McWethy moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Schalkle. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments: None

Old Business:

- Merrily Babcock shared that the future of tree tapping event is uncertain, since Mike Kelly's team does not have time to repair the prior stove and the costs to purchase a new stove exceed our current funds. Sarah Randolph suggested talking to Crosby's about the stove, which Merrily will do.

New Business:

- **Community Education** – Community education coming to February 2019 meeting. Registration starts March 1st. Catalogs in home March 10th, followed by email/social media with another by direct mail and email/social media blast in May.
- **Luce Line Grooming** – Sarah Randolph asked why Luce Line was not groomed in Wayzata. Tory Schalkle said he would call MN DNR to find out.
- **2020 CIP priorities** – The group had a general discussion on 2020 CIP priorities for Park and Trails. Winter activities/funds were tabled by Mike until late Spring. The 2020 spring/summer priorities are:
 - Updating Klapprich playgrounds and hill grading
 - Site Location for Platform tennis
 - Post Office park - replace boardwalk
 - Margaret Circle drainage and potentially bench/amenities
 - Bike fix station
 - Little Beach improvements – Split between 2020 & 2021
 - Wayfinding/signage was pushed to 2021
- **Consultants** – In order to save money for other expenditures, Tory Schalkle questioned paying for a playground consultant for Klapprich playground improvements. As an alternative, he proposed we take pictures of current trends and companies (e.g., Firefly). Mike Kelly was going to save catalogs he's receiving and contact Plymouth Park and Trails for what they learned, who is having an open house to review a new playground structure.
- **Music** – Merrily Babcock provided the update on acts for Music in the Park. The group aligned on moving forward with:
 - Bernie King
 - Ditchweed
 - Blue Groove
 - Wailing Loons
 - The Percolators

- **Signage** – The group discussed near-term signage priorities and agreed on prioritizing the following parks for 2020:
 - Klapprich
 - Wayzata Beach
 - Margaret Circle
 - Bell Courts

Sarah Randolph and Merrily Babcock will bring back more potential renderings (potentially talking with a vendor to get these) next meeting

- **Revenue generation** – Mike Kelly showed the projected near-depletion of Park and Trail dedicated funds in ~5 years given spending against Master Plan. Group said this would make funding dependent on the city's general fund. This prompted discussion around other potential revenue generators. Tory Schalkle said he would research what other cities do and compile ideas/categories. Mike Kelly said he would contact Plymouth park and trails to see how they generate revenue.

Next meeting topics:

- Three Rivers Parks update on trail connectivity plans (from Three Rivers rep)
- Community Education (from Mike or rep from schools)
- Tree Tapping stove alternatives (from Merrily Babcock)
- Revenue generating ideas (from Tory Schalkle)
- Signage visuals (from Merrily Babcock)
- Music acts (from Merrily Babcock)
- Luce Line grooming (from Tory Schalkle)
- Playground trends and potential ideas/vendors (from Sarah Randolph, Tory Schalkle, and Mike Kelly)

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tory Schalkle and seconded by Sarah Randolph at 8:20pm. Motion passed 5-0.